



Francis Needham "Pete" Millett Jr.

March 29, 1932 - August 8, 2018

Francis Needham "Pete" Millett Jr. passed away peacefully on August 8, 2018. He was born on March 29, 1932 in Winchester, Massachusetts where he had to walk to school every day through the snow and it was uphill both ways.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Emily Thomas Millett, and his three children: Francis N. "Ty" Millett III and Rosemary Haynes; Richard Millett and wife, Mary Millett; Joan Millett and husband, Dale Eck; and 5 grandchildren: Jaye Millett, Thomas and Anna Millett, and Andrea and Kate Thomsen. He was preceded in death by his parents Francis N. and Deborah Millett, sister Joan Millett Coon, brother Winthrop Millett, and Daughter-in-Law Kelly Millett. He received his B.A. from Harvard, Master's in Accounting from Alabama, and his J.D. from UNC. At Harvard he served as the manager of the football team. Pete moved the family to Tallahassee when FSU started the new Law School and offered him a faculty position. From there he worked for the Florida House and eventually became Deputy Commissioner of Education for Ralph Turlington. When he retired from the state he continued to meddle in politics by lobbying and consulting for University Hospitals.

Family was very important to him. While the kids were growing up it was swim meets or weekends at Dog Island. When grandkids entered the picture he particularly enjoyed being able to get everyone together for family vacations. The one rule was everyone had to eat dinner together.

There will be a memorial service at Unity of Tallahassee (2850 Unity Ln) at

2:00 pm on Saturday, August 11th, 2018 with a reception to immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Leon County Humane Society.

Breanna Green is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Unity of Tallahassee
2850 Unity Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Reception

AUG 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ Thank you, Pete and Emily, for becoming "neighbors" after all these years. It's a blessing to see you & hsvc these wonderful memories of Pete. Love y'all and cherish the friendship and memories.
Bob & Naomi West

Bob West - August 11, 2018 at 07:13 AM

BR

“ Always enjoyed the intellectual challenge of a conversation with Pete! Extending love and strength to each of you.

Barbara Rylands - August 10, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Francis Needham "Pete" Millett Jr..



August 10, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Francis Needham "Pete" Millett Jr..



August 10, 2018 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ Bob and I are sorry to hear of Pete's passing, Emily. Bob always enjoyed talking to Pete at the swimming pool.

Bob & Brenda Scott - August 09, 2018 at 04:12 PM

LW

“ I love that his rule was the family must always eat dinner together. That's a rule we should all abide by. My love to you, Joan, and my prayers for your entire family.

lisa weldon - August 09, 2018 at 02:53 PM

 Mark Odom

“ Pete and Emily are part of the foundation of a moral and caring Tallahassee. They raised their children to be the same way. Rest well, Pete and love and solace to your family.

Mark Odom

Mark Odom - August 09, 2018 at 12:57 PM

CM

“ Pete and Emily took me in when I was a young student with no place to stay and little direction. They gave me both, added with a lot of love and encouragement. We became lifelong friends, They have always been there for me and countless others. My heart aches at this news. Peace to Pete and Emily and the entire family.

Chuck Mitchell

Chuck Mitchell - August 09, 2018 at 07:45 AM